

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, here he is. Senator Wickersham, do you have an amendment filed which you do intend to take up on this bill?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Madam President, members of the Legislature, I was not going to vote for the rule suspension because of the amendment that Senator Maurstad has because I am opposed to it, and it would save time if we didn't even get to it, but I know that the body feels this bill has to pass. However, because Senator Wickersham has an amendment which will lead to discussion of an issue in which I do have a great amount of interest, I am not going to object to the rule suspension, but I wish Senator Maurstad had been in a position to let me know one way or the other what his intentions are.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Any further discussion on the motion to suspend the rules? Seeing none, Senator Bohlke to close. Closing is waived. The question before you is the motion to suspend the rules of germaneness regarding the Bohlke amendment to LB 658. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the motion to suspend the germaneness rule.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The germaneness rule is suspended. We turn now to the Bohlke amendment. Senator Bohlke to open on her amendment.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam President and members, the amendment is being copied and you will...and will be handed out. The last time we discussed this bill, you heard a number of points of view. Following that, we did have a meeting. This is an amendment that takes some of the points that were raised on the floor the last time, certainly we'll get to those. Senator Withem's concern, and my concern, that we talked, the last time this was debated, about having alternative education, and I know that...I believe that Senator Chambers has said that that's an issue he also wishes to discuss. Senator Chambers had a...we discussed removing the language requiring referral to the